

**EXCO REPORT TO THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF 30 SEPTEMBER 2011  
HELD AT ALFRED NZO COUNCIL CHAMBER, MOUNT AYLIFF BY COUNCILLOR  
KULUKAZI PHANGWA THE MAYOR OF UMZIMVUBU LOCAL MUNICIPALITY.**

Mr. Speaker

Chief Whip

Councillors

EXCO Members

Municipal Manager and the entire management

Media Corps

Members of the public in the gallery

Ladies and Gentlemen

I greet you this morning in the name of our call to the service of the people.

Last week the President of the country, the Honourable Jacob Zuma attended the United Nations General Assembly at New York the headquarters of the UN.

The UN Secretary General, Ban Ki Moon congratulated our moment and sent the well-wishes to the African National Congress (ANC) for its centenary celebrations next year.

He said "... the ANC is more than a political party, it is a movement."

My colleagues will recall that during the apartheid era, the ANC under the capable leadership of President Oliver Tambo, convinced the UN General Assembly to adopt a resolution that declared apartheid a crime against humanity.

As we celebrate the 100 years of existence of our movement the world is with us. It was in this context that the late President Tambo said “...We are of the world and the world is with.”

On 29 August to 2 September 2011 we attended the SALGA National Conference in Durban.

What transpired at the conference was a simple message to all Councillors in the Republic of South Africa and the message is clear **“SERVE THE PEOPLE.”**

In this context the Acting Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs, the Honourable Nathi Mthethwa appealed to all Councillors to ensure that Municipal Public Accounts Committees are established as soon as possible, but no later than 30 November 2011.

It is my pleasure to report that on this matter, our Speaker already has covered some ground and we are optimistic that our compliance with the set timeframe is guaranteed.

The Minister also raised the question of Local Government Turn Around Strategy which he defined as an “achievable objective.” This is achievable by embarking on the following:

- **Eradicating corruption**
- **Community work**
- **Clean cities**
- **Councillor Induction**
- **Clean Audits**

I have no doubt that I am speaking on behalf of the whole Council when I say it is our resolve to ensure that we realise and achieve all goals set by SALGA.

I was made aware of the fact that all contractual employees are finalizing their performance agreements. This would help the institution conduct an objective and fair assessment of each individual at the end of each quarter during the current financial year.

Mr Speaker and Councillors, the Auditor General is on site and we have full confidence in our management that all relevant information and documentation required by the auditors will be made available so as to enable them to conduct the audit as provided for in the Audit Act NO. 12 of 1995 and Constitution Act NO. 108 of 1996 as well as the MFMA NO. 56 of 2003.

On 7 September 2011 we hosted a successful Arbor Week which was a Provincial Event at Ward 22 in Njijini Location. It is important to note that on the same day the nation was commemorating the 19<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Bhishe Massacre.

On the morning of the same day the Troika had met with the MANCO to raise our own perspective and expectations since they are the implementers of our decisions.

The departmental Stratplans are progressing very well. It was decided that each department must hold a stratplan with the relevant standing committee and officials in order to orientate the politicians with the key programmes, policies, vision, mission statements, SDBIP and Budget of each department. This process is nearing completion and we are now left with one department, SP & Communications. In this regard I was reliably informed that a timeframe has been set already.

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup> August 2011 we hosted two successful events at Mount Frere and Mount Ayliff respectively to mark the 55<sup>th</sup> celebrations of National Women's Day.

The first one focused on internal women in the Council and Administration while the latter was targeting the women in business in the form of the Business Seminar. We also provided two buses to the District Celebrations at Mbizana.

In this regard I am particularly excited that as the Heritage Month draws to a close, the National Heritage Council took a bold step by bestowing the **AWARD OF UBUNTU** to Winnie Nomzamo Madikizela-Mandela, one of the icons of our struggle. This has made us in deed very proud for the NHC to recognize **MAM'UWINNIE** in this befitting manner.

As we all know that September is a Heritage Month, we partnered with NKOSI MADZIKANE Commemoration on 16 September. We provided and committed resources to ensure that the event is in deed a success.

We provided grass cutting at the monument, a truck to fetch firewood from Mabobo Forest and a tent.

On the same vain, the Department of Local Government & Traditional Affairs together with the Elundzini Royal Kraal and Alfred Nzo District Municipality are organizing the repatriation of the spirit of the Chief Ngovolo from Bloemfontein to Mount Frere.

We have committed some resources even on this one so as to make our own humble contribution to the events and activities that are aimed at the celebration of the Heritage Month.

We have provided Municipal official to be hands on and a bus as well as catering. The event will finally be held tomorrow the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2011 at Chief Ngovolo Royal Residence.

I have learnt with shock that our Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Mzingisi Hloba got involved in a car accident between Umzimvubu River Lodge and Mount Frere.

He was travelling along the N2 Route after he had attended the BTO Stratplan at Tapi Lodge.

He was admitted at St Ann's Private Hospital in Pietermaritzburg on 9 September and discharged on 23 September. We wish him a speedy recovery.

On September 12, 34 years ago the apartheid machinery committed one of the worse gruesome atrocities when they brutally tortured Comrade Steve Bantu Biko until he met his untimely death in the hands of the white racist security personnel. Although comrade Biko and I belonged to different schools of thought, it is true that we shared the same vision of a united, non-racial, non-exist, democratic and prosperous society with the principle of one person one vote under a common voters roll.

The Springboks, our Rugby National Team continue to do us proud in their performance at New Zealand in the International Rugby Board (IRB) games.

Already they beat Wales, Fiji and Namibia and are today encountering the Samoa side and we are optimistic that we will definitely beat Samoa.

Mr. Speaker I felt that I must raise these important and latest developments about our country since we, as Umzimvubu Municipality do not exist in isolation.

Then in terms of Council Business I would like to refer you Speaker and Councillors to the following items. It will be important to note that in some of them the EXCO requests resolutions while on others, we are just reporting for council to note.

They stand as follows:

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In conclusion I would like to formally inform the councillors that On 21 October 2011 we will be hosting the SMME Fair and Launch of Tourism Broacher at Mngwani, Xesibe Tourism in Ward 4, Mount Ayliff.

We are doing this in order to enhance and give a practical meaning to the efforts of building a tourism profile within our municipal area so as to attract potential tourists and investors.

With those few words I thank you.